

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 18, 21-26, and 29-45 are presently pending in this case. The present Amendment also amends Claims 1 and 24-25 without introducing any new matter; and cancels Claims 4, 8-17, 27-28, and 46 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Dodabalapur et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,278,127). Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Dodabalapur et al. in view of Yang et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/013555). Claims 3, 29-30 and 33-46 were allowed, and Claim 4 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In response, independent Claim 1 is amended to recite all the features of allowable, dependent Claim 4. Consequently, Claim 4 is cancelled, and the claim dependency of Claims 24-25 is changed. Since amended Claim 1 has the same scope of protection as Claim 46, Claim 46 is also cancelled.

In response to the Restriction Requirement being made final, Claims 8-17 and 27-28, directed to non-elected inventions, are canceled. Applicant reserves the right to present claims directed to the non-elected inventions in a divisional application, which shall be subject to the third sentence of 35 U.S.C. §121.¹

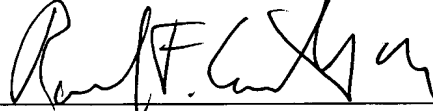
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-7, 18, 21-26, and 29-45 is earnestly solicited.

¹ "A patent issuing on an application with respect to which a requirement for restriction under this section has been made ... shall not be used as a reference ... against a divisional application." See also MPEP 804.01.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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